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1. The Palanga airfield (No. 1 on sketch) was built by the Soviets during 1944-45, and is located approximately three km north of Palanga between the roads Palanga - Lepaya and Palanga - Svetoji.
2. At the time this airfield was under construction, it was observed that pierced steel strips, approximately 0.40x4.0 m, were being transported through Svetoji toward the airfield. It was said that these were for use on the runways of the new airfield.
3. The airfield is approximately five km long, 300 m wide at the southern end, and 700 m wide at the northern end.
4. When the airfield was built, all the surrounding farmhouses and the village of Kunigiskiai were demolished.
5. During 1945 there was lively traffic on the airfield and aircraft were to be seen parked wing to wing all along the edge of the airfield, the boundaries of which are formed by the roads mentioned in paragraph one above.
6. In January 1952 the following aircraft were observed: four to five KUKURUZHNIKI, approximately 10 single-engine propeller-driven fighters with fuselage somewhat bulkier than the MESSERSCHMIDT, and approximately 10 twin-engine aircraft, locally named TUPOLSKIY SAMOLET, Sic, TUPOLEV (?) plane.
7. Sentries stand on guard at the parked aircraft. The airfield is not surrounded by a fence, and patrols were not observed.
8. The area shown as No. 2 on the sketch is a small wood in which two to four tank trucks carrying fuel have been observed. The area shown as No. 3 is that of the former German airfield at Palanga, which is now out of use and is merely vacant land. A road (shown as No. 4) leads into a wooded area south of the new airfield. It was paved with crushed stones by the Germans and used by them for hauling MESSERSCHMIDTS for parking under the trees.

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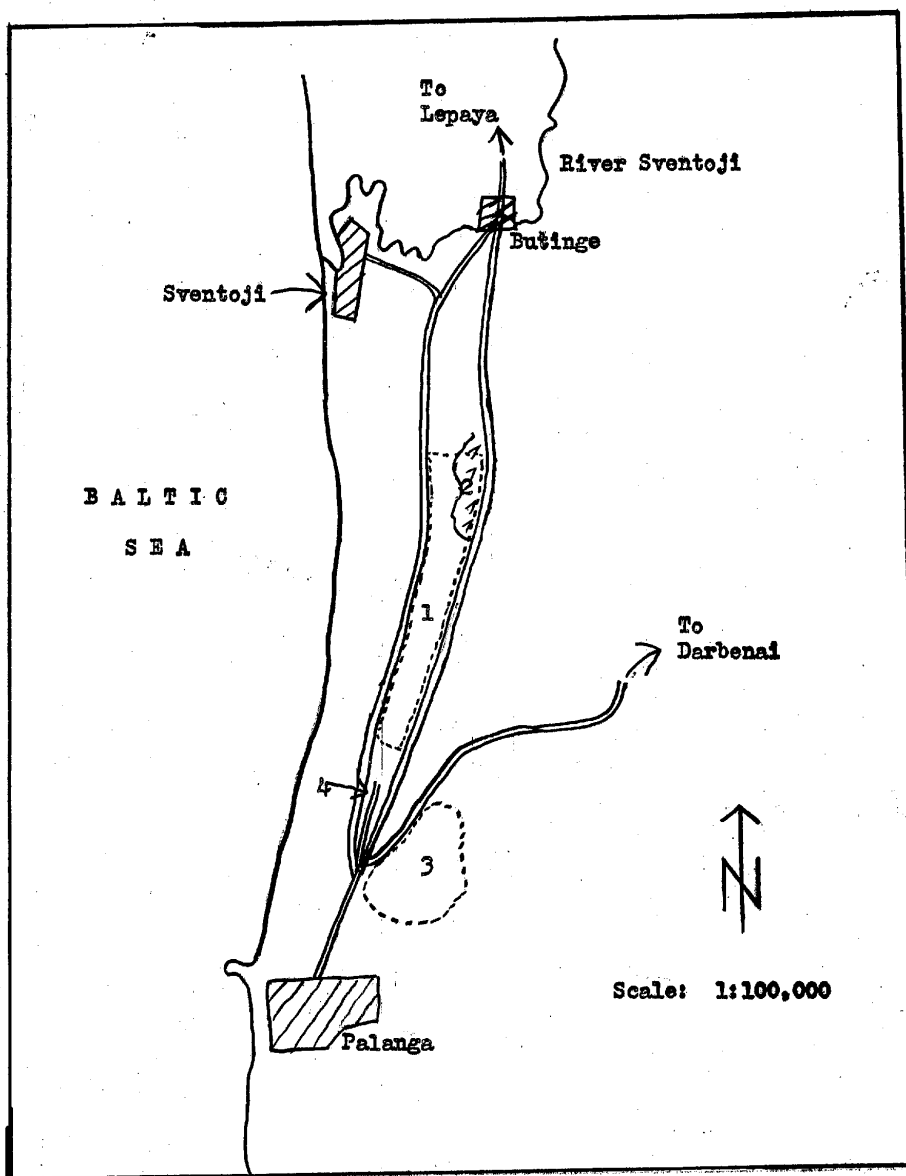
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SKETCH OF AREA AROUND PALANGA



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